

## NURSING BOARD[655]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 147.76, the Board of Nursing hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 3, “Licensure to Practice—Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment adds an additional testing option to verify English skills of an individual educated and licensed in another country.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on or before August 13, 2013. Such written materials should be directed to the Executive Director, Iowa Board of Nursing, RiverPoint Business Park, 400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4685. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Executive Director at (515)281-3256 or in the Board office at 400 S.W. 8th Street by appointment.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.36 and 152.7.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 3.4(4) as follows:

**3.4(4)** Application—individuals educated and licensed in another country.

*a.* The board shall:

- (1) Provide information about licensure application to applicants and others upon request.
- (2) Determine eligibility of each applicant upon receipt of:

1. to 7. No change.

8. Verification of ability to read, write, speak and understand the English language as determined by the results of the ~~Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the~~ International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE), or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants. Applicants shall be exempt from the ~~TOEFL or IELTS, PTE or TOEFL~~ examination when the native language is English; nursing education was completed in a college, university or professional school located in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand or the United Kingdom; language of instruction in the nursing program was English; and language of the textbooks in the nursing program was English.

*b.* The applicant shall:

(1) to (6) No change.

(7) Complete ~~TOEFL or IELTS, PTE or TOEFL~~ requirements for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants.

(8) to (11) No change.